

## ROOMING PROBLEM BECOMES ACUTE AS REGISTRATION ENDS

The rooming problem in Washington was declared more acute today with announcement by the District Council of Defense that it would be unable to establish its promised central room registration bureau in the near future. This bureau had been looked to as an institution which would alleviate the discomforts that people coming to Washington are subjected to when they try to get rooms.

After a conference, the District Council of Defense issued the following statement today:

"Owing to a change in the arrangements, it has not been possible for the District Council of Defense to estab-

lish the central room registration office as planned. The demand for rooms is increasing rather than diminishing, and the only way in which it can be met is by having citizens of Washington offer for the purpose any rooms which they can spare."

The council has appended to citizens who have not yet registered their rooms, to send in their offers in writing to the District Council of Defense, room 304, District building. The name, location, number, and description of room, with or without board, whether for men or women, bath facilities, light, heat, telephone number, reception room for women, price, car lines, references should be given.

The Chamber of Commerce declares that it is unable to continue its registration of rooms because it has found the work so heavy that it has been obliged to devote to it the attention of its whole force, to the exclusion of all other matters.

The council has arranged with the Washington Terminal Company to put a booth in the waiting room of the Union Station which will be used by the Travelers Aid until the central room registration office is established.

## WOMEN OF CAPITAL PROPOSE TO HOUSE CLERKS IN COLONY

A home for sixty homeless Government clerks by January 1.

This is the task the emergency housing committee, of which Mrs. Archibald Hopkins is chairman, has assigned itself, it was learned today. Mrs. Hopkins appealed to the business men of the city to contribute to a fund started by her to provide for the establishment of community houses for women Government clerks.

This committee has opened two houses, each with accommodations for about twenty persons. By January 1 a third community house is expected to be opened, with housing facilities for about twenty-five clerks. It is of the old colonial type.

"We have selected women of long experience in this line of work to manage these houses for us; women that can be trusted to care for young girls," Mrs. Hopkins explained.

"Any money contributed by business men will be considered as loans, the managers of the houses being pledged to make a return as soon as they see their way clear."

"Of course, this work done by the emergency committee is only an emergency measure. A committee of the Council of National Defense, of which W. H. Baldwin is chairman, is planning to appeal to Congress for an appropriation of money to establish facilities for housing clerks. We are trying to house clerks in the meanwhile."

A meeting has been called for this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, 1826 Massachusetts avenue, to "unify the committee working out this problem," said Mrs. Hopkins.

## DENY Y. W. C. A. GIRLS WILL DANCE AT CAMP

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Young Women's Christian Association, War Work Council in season here today denied in every particular to story sent out by press associations recently under a Seattle, Wash., date line to the effect that 3,000 young women had been employed by the association to dance with soldiers at Camp Lewis. The council announced that there was no basis whatever for the Seattle report.

## 10 LOSE LIVES WHEN U-BOAT SINKS CRUISER

PARIS, Dec. 18.—A submarine has sunk the French cruiser Chateaufort with the loss of ten lives, it was officially announced today. All of the missing men were sailors.

## ONE-FOURTH TOTAL NOW SUBSCRIBED FOR OPPORTUNITIES

A total of \$1,866 has been received for the fourteen opportunities of the very best of Christmas presents, a united home for the year.

There are still fifty-eight children pleading for the same sort of Christmas cheer.

In six of the opportunities, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8, all the children are under fourteen years of age. In the families where there are children over fifteen, one child is too ill to work, the others are earning.

The Associated Charities reports that this morning's mail brought many good sized contributions. A number of contributors asked that their gifts be used where most needed.

This is a difficult matter to determine for all the mothers have the same great yearning in their hearts. Their children are dearer to them than life itself. The opportunity most in need therefore is the one furthest from its goal. But it is hoped that by Christmas—the day that belongs to the children—every one of these homes will be preserved.

Contributions may be sent either to The Times, or to John Joy Edson, treasurer, Associated Charities, 223 H street northwest.

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 1.

Six Fatherless Children of Italy.

Amount asked for.....\$320.00

Previously acknowledged.....\$26.00

H. Y. M.....1.00

C. V.....1.00

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkin-son.....1.00

C. B.....3.00

Benita Ginechael.....3.00

Andrew Jackson Lombard.....1.00

N. McG.....5.00

T. O. S.....10.00

Still needed.....53.00

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 2.

Doing her part, widow and three children.

Amount asked for.....\$416.00

Previously acknowledged.....\$12.00

H. Y. M.....1.00

C. V.....1.00

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkin-son.....1.00

Andrew Jackson Lombard.....1.00

T. O. S.....10.00

Still needed.....390.00

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 3.

Preparing to Feed His Mother's Case.

Amount asked for.....\$416.00

Previously acknowledged.....\$8.00

H. Y. M.....1.00

C. V.....1.00

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkin-son.....1.00

Andrew Jackson Lombard.....1.00

Miss G. F.....10.00

H. K. B.....8.00

Still needed.....501.25

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 4.

Four Deserted French-American Kiddlees.

Amount asked for.....\$468.00

Previously acknowledged.....\$0.75

H. Y. M.....1.00

C. V.....1.00

S. G. T.....50.00

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkin-son.....2.00

Andrew Jackson Lombard.....1.00

A. L. E.....2.00

Still needed.....501.25

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 5.

Future Assets vs. Present Liabilities.

Amount asked for.....\$520.00

Previously acknowledged.....\$75

H. Y. M.....1.00

C. V.....1.00

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkin-son.....1.00

Andrew Jackson Lombard.....1.00

Miss G. F.....10.00

H. K. B.....8.00

Still needed.....501.25

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 6.

Father's Duty On Young Shoulders.

Amount asked for.....\$312.00

Previously acknowledged.....\$75

H. Y. M.....1.00

C. V.....1.00

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkin-son.....1.00

Andrew Jackson Lombard.....1.00

A. L. E.....2.00

Still needed.....327.25

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 7.

Who Will Help John Carry His Load?

Amount asked for.....\$416.00

Previously acknowledged.....\$75

H. Y. M.....1.00

C. V.....1.00

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkin-son.....1.00

Andrew Jackson Lombard.....1.00

Hawkins Miller fund.....5.00

F. S. H.....25.00

H. K. B.....8.00

E. D. L.....20.00

F. O. S.....10.00

Little Annie Laurie.....1.00

Chestnut.....20.00

C. B. Rafter.....20.00

Still needed.....631.75

Opportunity No. 13—Closed; over-subscribed; \$786.00.

Opportunity No. 14—\$425; closed; over-subscribed.

Total asked for, \$7,228.00.

## White House Butter For Xmas Dinner Cost \$567 a Pound

The most expensive single article of food on President Wilson's dinner table on Christmas Day this year will be a pound of butter. It cost \$567.

Mrs. C. E. Easterday, of Marble Head, Iowa, made the butter and presented it to the Red Cross auxiliaries of Union and Scott townships. It was auctioned off and brought \$567.

H. Y. M.....1.00  
C. V.....1.00  
M. J. S.....8.00  
R. O. M.....2.00  
V. M.....3.00  
Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkin-son.....1.00  
Andrew J. Lombard.....1.00  
A. E. D.....8.00  
F. S. K.....25.00

Still needed.....50.00

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 4.

Ten-Year-Old Sammy Wants To Fight For Mother.

Amount asked for.....\$529.00

Previously acknowledged.....\$1.00

H. Y. M.....1.00

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkin-son.....1.00

Andrew J. Lombard.....1.00

C. E. B.....25.00

A. L. E.....2.00

Still needed.....490.00

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 5.

Independence Only a Few Months Away.

Amount asked for.....\$260.00

Previously acknowledged.....\$6.00

H. Y. M......75

C. V.....1.00

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkin-son.....1.00

Andrew J. Lombard.....1.00

F. O. S.....10.00

Still needed.....241.25

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 6.

Battling Against Chronic Ill Health and Fever.

Amount asked for.....\$332.00

Previously acknowledged.....\$4.00

M. J. S.....8.00

C. M......75

H. Y. M......75

C. V.....1.00

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkin-son.....1.00

A. F. M.....1.00

Andrew J. Lombard.....1.00

F. S. B.....25.00

H. L. H.....10.00

D. L. H.....10.00

A. L. E.....2.00

I. R. W.....5.00

Still needed.....706.75

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 7.

A Quiver Full of Children.

Amount asked for.....\$324.00

Previously acknowledged.....\$5.00

H. Y. M......75

C. V.....1.00

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkin-son.....2.00

Andrew Jackson Lombard.....2.00

H. L. H.....10.00

D. L. H.....10.00

Still needed.....542.25

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 8.

Four Deserted French-American Kiddlees.

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Previously acknowledged.....\$0.75

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C. V.....1.00

S. G. T.....50.00

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Wilkin-son.....2.00

Andrew Jackson Lombard.....1.00

A. L. E.....2.00

Still needed.....501.25

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 9.

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C. V.....1.00

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Andrew Jackson Lombard.....1.00

Miss G. F.....10.00

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Still needed.....501.25

### OPPORTUNITY NO. 10.

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Andrew Jackson Lombard.....1.00

A. L. E.....2.00

Still needed.....327.25

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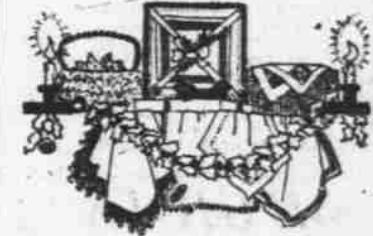
Opportunity No. 14—\$425; closed; over-subscribed.

Total asked for, \$7,228.00.

## W. B. Moses & Sons, 7 and 11th Sts.

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Special  
Knitting  
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\$1.25 Each



Fancy  
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One-half Price

### Special for 50c

French Powder Puff in Container—Smelling Salts, Rouge and Powder in fancy boxes—Vanity Bags, Paper Weights, Mahogany Bud Vases, Coat Hangers, covered with silk or satin, and odd articles.

Worth Up to \$1.25

### Special for 75c

Japanese Fancy Woven Bags, French Powder Boxes, Vanity Boxes and Bags, Pin and Bureau Boxes, Silk and Satin covered Coat Hangers

Worth Up to \$1.50

### Special for \$1.00

Fancy Sewing Boxes with accessories, Japanese Hand-Embroidered Powder or Rouge Boxes, Silk Sachets, French Lace-Trimmed Vases, Puff Containers, Paperweights, Pincushions and odd articles.

Worth Up to \$3.00

### Special for \$1.25

French silk, satin and lace trimmed glass novelties—Vases, Pin Trays, Powder Puff Balls, Fancy Boxes, Light Screens and Baskets.

Worth Up to \$3.50

### Special for \$2.00

Beautiful Silk vanity Bags—Japanese Rose Jars, Silk Floral Powder Puffs and Jar, Lace and Silk Trimmed Glass Jars, Fancy Boxes and Coat Hangers and Bags.

Worth Up to \$3.75

The most beautiful line of rich Tapestry, Silk, Satin and Brocade Baskets, Desk Sets, boxes of all sizes.

Special \$1.00 each to \$50.00 set

## The Linen Shop Specials

Fancy colored border and jacquard woven Turkish Bath Towels.

Special, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50.

Hand crocheted edge Wash Cloths, fancy colors, 25c each.

H. S. or scalloped edge initialed Pillow Cases, \$1.50 pair.

Fancy lace trimmed Scarfs—36 to 54 inches long, 45c to \$5.00 each.

Plata and fancy Baby Pillows, 50c to \$45.00 each.

Madeira hand-embroidered Napkins, \$7.75 to \$25.00 dozen.

Japanese Blue Print Table Covers, 70 inches square, \$2.25 each.

Japanese Blue Print Table Runners 35c and 50c each.

Hemstitched pure linen guest size Towels, 35c, 50c, 60c, 65c.

White Blankets, very special, \$4.00 to \$37.00 pair.

Cotton-Comforts, very special, \$3.00 to \$10.00 each.